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By Geo. Howard,

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Letters addressed to the Editor must be post paid.

James Simmons, Esq. postmaster at Halifax, is our general agent for that vicinity.

Millinery & Mantua-making.

MRS. SNEADER respectfully informs the inhabitants of Halifax and vicinity, that she still continues the *Millinery and Mantua-making* business in Halifax, and has on hand, as usual, a general assortment of Ladies' fancy goods. Persons indebted to her are earnestly requested to call and settle their accounts immediately, as she is desirous of laying in her fall supply as early as possible.

Halifax, Aug. 15, 1826.

A Good Bargain

ON Wednesday, the 18th of October next, will be let, the *Re-building the Bridge* across Town Creek, near Col. Benj. Sharpe's to the lowest undertaker. *By the Commissioners.*

September 25, 1826. 6-3

Jailor's Notice.

TAKEN up and committed to the Jail of Halifax county, a negro man who says his name is *Gideon*, and belongs to Mr. Richard Taylor, of Granville county, N. C. The said negro is about 5 feet 8 or 10 inches high, dark complexion, and appears to be between 50 and 60 years of age. The owner is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, otherwise he will be disposed of as the law directs.

Dixie C. Fenner, Jailor.

Halifax, 19th Sept. 1826. 5

Thirty Dollars Reward.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, on Sunday night, the 12th of March last, a negro woman, named *POLLY*, about 28 years old, nearly five feet high, yellow complexion, spare made, has a mild look and genteel appearance, (for a negro,) when well dressed; she is an expert hand at roguery, and is well calculated to deceive unless tightly and closely examined. She was seduced away by a black free negro, *Carter Newsom* by name, a shoemaker by trade, who is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high, thick set, has a pleasant countenance and very white teeth, which he shews very much when speaking or laughing: he is strongly suspected of being a runaway slave. In my former advertisement, I stated that from threats which the wench made prior to her elopement, they would, by changing their names, and getting forged free papers, endeavor to make their escape to some free state: since that time, they have been lurking about Halifax town, in the vicinity of which, they probably are at this time. All persons are forbidden from harboring or carrying off said negro under the penalty of the law. The above reward, with all reasonable charges, will be paid for securing said woman in any jail, so that I get her again, or for her delivery to me.

Lunsford W. Scott.

Halifax co. N. C.

August 15, 1826. 1-tf

Blank Warrants for sale,

Drs. Dancy & Boykin,

HAVING entered into Co-partnership, beg leave to inform the citizens of Edgecombe, that they are prepared to enter into the practice of the various branches of their professional duties, (viz.) *Midwifery, Surgery,* and the *Practice of Medicine.* Orders left at their residences or at their shop, will be promptly attended.

They also inform the Public, that they have furnished themselves with a fresh and plentiful supply of *Medicines*, and intend keeping on hand a like supply, which they will sell at wholesale or retail, upon as low terms as they can be purchased in any part of the State.

Tarboro', Sept. 1, 1826. 3

Cabinet-making, Turning, &c.

THE Subscriber having erected a complete workshop for the above business in all its various branches, respectfully informs his friends and the public in general, that he is now prepared to execute any work in his line that he may receive orders for, viz:

Sideboards, China presses, secretaries, book-cases, bureaus, tables, wash-stands, candle-stands, gentlemen's and ladies' wardrobes, ladies' and gentlemen's cabinets, cylinder-fall desks, portable and common do. and bedsteads of all descriptions.

The work in general will be well executed, and of good materials.

ALSO, THE

TURNING BUSINESS,

Will be carried on in all its branches, viz: *Wood, iron, brass, ivory, &c.* Carpenters who may want turning done, can be accommodated, with the turning of columns, newel posts, balusters, drops, corner blocks, rosettes, &c.

The above work will be executed as cheap as the times will admit of, and in as short time as it can be done.

LEWIS LAYSSARD.

Halifax, Sept. 1826. 5

A List of Letters,

Remaining in the Post-Office at *Tarborough, N. C.* the 1st day of October, 1826, which if not called for and taken out before the 1st day of January next, will be sent to the General Post-Office as dead letters.

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| Allen John, Dr. | Kelly Sarah Miss |
| Alsobrook Micajah | King Charles |
| Battle Joseph | Lee William |
| Battle Cath. A. Miss | Lewis James |
| Biggs James | Land Littleberry |
| Bennett Mark H | Morgan John |
| Brenan James | Morgan Joseph |
| Bedford John | McWilliams George |
| Bennett Philemon | Nittles John |
| Bell Bennett H | Nittles Allen |
| Bullock John | Nittles Jacob |
| Bryan Dempsey | Porter Eli |
| Bass Turner | Parker William |
| Bell Winifred Mrs | Pittman Zilpha Mrs |
| Brown Duncan | Ruffin Jacky A Miss 2 |
| Carney Patsey Mrs | Robins Jacob |
| Cornish William | Robins Frederick |
| Curtis Edward | Ruth Catherine W |
| Carney William | Sh'ff of Edgecombe 4 |
| Crisp Samuel | Schofield Benjamin |
| Evratt Edith | Sory Robert |
| Edmondson Tho's | Spicer Moses |
| Edmondson Lem'l | Simms Robert |
| Eagles Richard T | Toole Geraldus |
| Forman Corn's 2 | White William |
| Faithful Lemuel | Ward Jno F Dr. |
| Gardner William | Williford Meedy |
| Haynes Wm S'r | Webb William |
| Howard Wilson | Worrell Amos Jr. |
| Hearn James | Whitford David |
| Hodge Allen 3 | Whitehurst Arthur, |
| Hart Cath. Miss | Warters Patsey Mrs |
| Hunter Wm J W | Williams Temper'e |
| Knight Eliz'h Miss | Williams Josiah |
| Killebrew Geo W 4 | 79 |

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Domestic.

The Warrenton Reporter of the 22d ult. contains a reply of Mr. *James Halliday*, of Halifax, to several articles which have appeared in that paper, in which his name has been used. We extract the following, as applicable to the only piece which we have inserted, (signed D. C. Fenner,) which appeared in our paper of the 19th ultimo:

"I will now make a few remarks on the publication of D. C. Fenner, in the Reporter of the 8th Sept. and a statement of some facts in relation to our Town Election. The candidates were Robert Potter and Dixie C. Fenner: and owing to the absence of one of the Inspectors, chosen by Court, it devolved on three Magistrates to make a new appointment—which, unfortunately, I accepted, after several had refused to act; but stated publicly, if either candidate objected, I would not act. No objection being made, the other Inspector (Judge Daniel) and myself, came to an understanding that if any votes were rejected, that on application of either candidate, the votes rejected should be recorded on the Poll book; and if our decision was erroneous, they might contest the election. Mr. Fenner, in his remarks on the result of the election and the causes that produced that result, says, in his piece: 'It is but justice to say that in consequence of the appointment of an Inspector, Mr. Halliday, who is a Foreigner, and who has distinguished himself in promoting the Burges interest, as well as by his hostility to the Bynum party; and who at that time labored under serious accusations, that so few of Mr. Bynum's friends voted. It is due to him to say, however, that my private opinion of Mr. H. is better than that of my friends.'

"I will now ask with what propriety could the Bynum party, as it is called, desert Mr. Fenner, when I state that two of the three Magistrates that appointed me an Inspector, have been warm personal friends and supporters of Mr. Bynum in the former elections, and are still his friends; or did they desert him because he would not object to me as an Inspector, and by holding an election, defeat Bynum's indefatigable exertions to prevent one!

"The word *foreigner*, if meant as a term of reproach, has been misapplied, as I feel proud to acknowledge myself a native of Scotland, admitted and enjoying all the privileges of a citizen of the U. States. I must decline accepting the honor intended, to say that I have never been a distinguished supporter of Mr. Burges, for the want of an opportunity; but will ask Mr. Fenner if he never was one of Mr. Burges's constituents and voters! The error may have been typographical, and intended that I was a supporter of

Mr. Potter. The serious accusations under which I labored, are the same brought against me by Bynum, and supported by Mr. Turner, which I dare assert prevented no person giving in his vote. If Mr. Bynum's friends had offered their votes and had been rejected by me, and I had so far degraded myself as not to regard the solemnity of an oath—and acted partially to either candidate, then my name might have justly stood in public estimation, as a perjured villain; and even had I been base enough to have so acted, the other Inspector and Sheriff could have overruled my decision. It is proper to state that the other Inspector and myself concurred in opinion as to all the votes which were taken. I ought not to omit mentioning, that no voter, as I have understood, declined giving his suffrage in consequence of my acting as an Inspector. Indeed I have been told by some, that so unworthy a motive had no influence with them. The simple truth is that Mr. Fenner's friends found he would be beaten, in spite of every exertion, and they therefore very generously retired from the contest. Mr. Fenner has informed me since the appearance of his publication, that his remarks were not dictated by hostility towards me, and he would contradict every injurious report that might arise from his publication. Perhaps an apology is due to the public for obtruding my name in a newspaper, in a matter where private individuals are only concerned; but I trust it will be found in the illiberal and unfounded attack which has been made upon me. JAMES HALLIDAY. Halifax, N.C. Sept. 19, 1826.

Native Silk.—The editor of the *Salisbury Carolinian* says, that while "on a late tour to the mountains, he was presented, by a friend, with three skeins of native *sewing silk*, made by the Misses Harris, of Surry county, which was the product of worms of their own rearing the present season. The silk is pronounced, by those who have examined it, to be of a superior quality. These young ladies have for three or four years past, been employed in the business of rearing worms and fabricating sewing silk; they have now become so expert in their laudable vocation, that the business yields them a handsome profit on their labors."

New Paper.—In a communication addressed the editors of the *Raleigh Register*, and inserted in that paper of the 29th ult. Mr. *R. H. Helme* says: "I have for some time had it in contemplation to publish a Paper in Raleigh, and will send you a prospectus in a few days."

Have your attention always directed to something useful.